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Shoal Bay road damaged within 04 months of construction, residents fume

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PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/ Residents of Shoal Bay are irked over the poor condition of the State Highway-10 road from Shoal Bay -15 to Shoal Bay-19. They allege that the construction of the 6 kms road was completed just four months ago but was damaged within such a short period. The people of the areas suffered for four years as the road was being constructed. Now that the construction of the road was completed, it got damaged in just four months, they alleged. According to reports, the Rs 10 crores new 6 km State Highway-10 road from Shoal Bay -15 to Shoal Bay-19 was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner (SA) on April 6th 2022. But within four months of inauguration the road failed to sustain even for a few months. This 6 km road has developed numerous potholes and massive craters all throughout the road stretch. Citizens have demanded action against the Contractor for poor quality road construction work.

The former Member of Parliament, Mr. BP Ray laid the foundation stone of construction of State Highway-10 from Shoal Bay-15 to Shoal-Bay 19, on 17th Feb 2018. The construction of this 6 kms road was given to a private Contractor by the APWD at a cost of about Rs 10 crores. In order to cover up the issue, APWD immediately carried out repair work. But despite APWD repairing the road, the quality of road construction work was so poor that potholes have again emerged all throughout this road. Residents of the area complaint that this is the condition of this road when heavy vehicles are not operating on this road. Just imagine, the situation when heavy vehicles will be allowed to ply on this road. Residents allege that this is a clear misuse of funds released by the Ministry as the monitoring work was assigned to APWD which allotted the road work to a private Contractor. Residents are now demanding an investigation followed by action.

The 6 kms Shoal Bay road constructed at a cost of Rs 10 cr failed to sustain even for 04 months. Citizens have demanded action against the Contractor for the poor quality work

MP seeks sailing of an all-port ship for all major Islands of Nicobar District via Hut Bay once, in every 10 days

PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/ The Member of Parliament, MrKuldeepRai Sharma has demanded sailing of an all-port ship for all major Islands of Nicobar District via Hut Bay once, in every 10 days.

In a letter to the Chief Secretary, Mr. Sharma mentioned that shipping services are the lifeline of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, especially for the people of the southern group of Islands. As helicopter service offers only a limited number of seats to passengers and in most of the cases, the seats remain reserved for urgent official works and patients for general public living in the southern group of Islands, ships are the only alternative for travelling from one Island to another. He pointed out that before COVID-19 pandemic there was a practice of operating ships for all ports viz Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, Nancowry and Campbell Bay on regular basis but after since COVID-19, number of all port sailing was reduced for various reasons.

He added that due to the non-availability of this all port ship, a lot of people from Nicobari Community are unable to visit other Islands of Nicobar District to meet their family members and relatives during family functions/rituals as well as festivals. Mr. Sharma added that thousands of Nicobari brothers and sisters are living scattered in different Islands of Nicobar District, who have a strong link with other but presently due to unavailability of connecting ships, they are forced to come to Port Blair and wait for several weeks to get a ship for any other Island of Nicobar District and they have to undergo similar hardship in their return journey. He added that for this journey from one Island of Nicobar District(Including Little Andaman Island of South Andaman District) to another Island of Nicobar District and vice versa via Port Blair they have to incur heavy expenditure and go through tremendous mental agony.Not only this, such a journey via Port Blair is also very time consuming. Mr. Sharma mentioned that all port ships are also required to supply fresh vegetables, fish and meat from Little Andaman to Car Nicobar and other Islands of Nicobar District, where a large number of tribal population and government servants and their families reside. All ports ships also open up business opportunities for poor farmers and other small business owners of Little Andaman, who have already suffered heavy financial loss during this pandemic time and also this will reduce prices of vegetables, fish and meat at Car Nicobar and other Islands of Nicobar District Island. He added that other than this, all port ships on a regular basis can make the lives of businessmen, patients, students, government servants posted in Nicobar District less stressful. Mr. Sharma also mentioned that all port ships while returning to Port Blair can bring Copra from tribal people of Nicobar District to Port Blair, which will generate revenue for the Government and bring socio-economic development for the Tribal Community of Nicobar District.

ABVP, students protest in front of DBRAIT gate

PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/ The ABVP held a protest, along with the students of Dr. B. R Ambedkar Institute of Technology on Monday. Large number of students participated in the strike. The main agenda of the students' protest was against the reluctant behaviour of Principal DBRAIT. The protesting students demanded that DBRAIT should fulfil all the conditions specified by Pondicherry University. Students further informed that DBRAIT has not complied with seventeen conditions specified by the Pondicherry University. As DBRIAT has failed to provide the registration number to the concerned students. Further the students demanded to provide registration numbers. The protest was supported by Mr. SiddhanthRai Sharma, State Joint Secretary, ABVP. Mr. P. Sagar, ABVP Unit President, DBRAIT led the protest as student representative of DBRAIT. During the protest, Mr. SiddhanthRai Sharma highlighting the problems of DBRAITstudents, called upon all the political parties and organizations of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to resolve the problems of the students. Mr. P. Sagar informed that the protest will not stop until a permanent solution is arrived.

Tata Nexon XM launched in isles

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PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/The local authorised dealers of Tata Motors have launched Nexon XM at its showroom located at Shadipur on Saturday. Mr. Roshan Kumar Trigunait, Chief Manager, SBI, Port Blair was the chief guest of the occasion. He congratulated Mr. SagarKhurana and his team on the occasion. Mr.PranabK.Parial, General Manager and his team members, SBI team members and a good gathering of customers attended the function. The Dealer TATA MOTORS, Mr. SagarKhurana explained about the features of the new Tata Nexon XM facelift.

The Tata Nexon has a variety of additional features such as 7" Infotainment by HarmanTM, Four speakers, Cooled Glovebox, Rear AC Vent, Rear Power Socket and Shark-fin antenna. While the ex-showroom price of the vehicle is Rs. 9,74,900, the onroad price is Rs. 10,67,368.

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Parties in J&K vow to challenge any move to include 'non-locals' in electoral tolls; BJP hits out

SRINAGAR, AUG 22 /--/ Any decision to include "non-locals" in electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir is unacceptable and would be contested by all means including in court, Nation Conference president Farooq Abdullah said on Monday after a meeting of nine parties over the issue.

Abdullah, who had called the meeting, said they were united against the move to extend the voting right to "outsiders" as it would rob Jammu and Kashmir of its identity. The state's identity is about to end. The Dogra, Kashmiri Pahari or Gujjar or Sikh, who reside here, will lose their identity. The assembly will be in the hands of the outsiders... We all oppose it and are not ready to accept it, he told reporters. The meeting was attended by the NC, Congress, PDP, Awami National Conference (ANC), Shiv Sena, CPI, CPM, JDU and the Akali Dal Mann. However, Sajad Lone-led People's Conference and Altaf Bukhar's Apni Party stayed away. The BJP, meanwhile, accused the NC, PDP and other parties of spreading misleading propaganda to poison the minds of the people over the issue of inclusion of non-local voters in the revised electoral rolls in the Union Territory. Addressing a press conference in Jammu, the party's J&K unit chief Ravinder Raina said there is no question of locals or non-locals as the Constitution gives all citizens the right to vote in the country after attaining the age of 18.

Raina was speaking after chairing a meeting of senior party leaders at party headquarters here to chalk out a counter-strategy against the meeting called by Abdullah in Srinagar. Abdullah had convened the meeting after the NC and other parties objected to the remarks of the Union Territory's Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar that there will be around 25 lakh additional voters and anyone who is living ordinarily can avail the opportunity to get enlisted as a voter in J&K under the provisions of The Representation of the People Act. The government on Saturday last issued a clarification, saying the reports of a likely addition of over 25 lakh voters after the summary revision of electoral rolls is a "misrepresentation of facts by vested interests" and the increase in numbers will be of voters who have attained the age of 18 years as of October 1, 2022, or earlier.

Dissatisfied with the clarification, the NC and other parties claimed the administration has not addressed their main concern on whether "outsiders" ordinarily residing in J-K will be allowed to enroll as voters. CPM leader M Y Tarigami said the parties were clear that what the CEO said in the press conference and the clarification of the Information Department is unacceptable to all of us. We will explore the possibilities of seeking justice from the highest court of the country, he said. (PTI)

Shah credits BJP govt for 'uprooting' terror activities of SIMI from MP

BHOPAL, AUG 22 /--/ Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh has uprooted "terror activities" of the banned outfit Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) that were centred in the Malwa region of the state. Shah said policemen have outnumbered soldiers in laying down their lives in the line of duty. The home minister was addressing a function at Bhopal's Ravindra Bhawan after virtually laying the foundation stone for a forensic science university, to be constructed on 27 acres of land at Barkheda Bondar near the state capital. Shah also inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various projects related to housing and administrative buildings of the police department. Madhya Pradesh's Malwa region had once become a centre of terror activities from where members of the SIMI were used to be sent to other parts of the country to carry out unlawful and nefarious acts, the home minister said. These SIMI

people from Malwa were involved in "terror activities" in the entire country, he said. However, the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh has uprooted the base and activities of the SIMI, banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, from Malwa, Shah said. Shah said more policemen than soldiers have laid down their lives in the line of duty. More than 35,000 police personnel have been killed while maintaining internal security and peace besides fighting Naxalism and terrorism, he said. The Union minister said some filmmakers present a wrong image of policemen on the silver screen in a bid to ensure success of their movies. Contrary to their image, police personnel have to work round the clock and even at a time when people are busy celebrating festivals, Shah said. Youths who want to make a career in forensic science will benefit from the upcoming university, which has already started functioning from another building, he said. (PTI)

SC seeks response from Gujarat govt on activist Teesta Setalvad's bail plea

NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ The Supreme Court Monday sought a response from the Gujarat government on a bail plea by activist Teesta Setalvad, arrested for allegedly fabricating evidence to frame "innocent people" in the 2002 Gujarat riots cases.

A bench headed by Justice U U Lalit issued notice to the state on the plea filed by Setalvad, who was arrested in June in the case and posted the matter for hearing on August 25. The Gujarat High Court, on August 3, issued a notice to the state government on the bail plea of Setalvad and fixed the matter for hearing on September 19.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Setalvad, told the apex court that allegations in the FIR are recitation of proceedings that had happened and culminated in the judgement of the apex court on a petition filed by Zakia Jafri. The apex court had on June 24 dismissed a plea filed by Zakia Jafri, the wife of former Congress MP Ehsaan Jafri who was killed in Ahmedabad during the riots, triggered by the torching of a coach of Sabarmati Express by a mob near Godhra station on February 27, 2002.

As many as 59 passengers were charred to death in the incident. Sibal told the bench, also comprising Justices S R Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia, that beyond such recitation, nothing has been alleged against Setalvad. At the outset, Justice Lalit said that as a lawyer, he had represented some of the accused in the Sohrabuddin matter.

"I do not know whether this petitioner has taken any stand in connection with those matters or not," Justice Lalit told Sibal. Sibal said as far as the petitioner is concerned, they have no issue at all.

The bench noted that Sibal has submitted that his client has no objection to this bench hearing this plea. "It is true that the trial court has rejected your bail application but the matter at your instance is presently pending in the high court," the bench observed.

Sibal said the genesis of the case emanates from the apex court order and that is why the FIR has been filed. "We will issue notice and then consider any relief which can be granted to you while the matter is still pending in the high court," the bench observed. Sibal said the petitioner wants interim bail. The bench initially said it would take up the matter for hearing on August 30. When Sibal requested, "Can it be a little early", the bench said it would list the matter on August 25.(PTI)

CBI-ED raids attempts to topple AAP govt; 'Operation Lotus' failed in Delhi: Kejriwal

Sisodia deserves Bharat Ratna, but he is being hounded by Centre, says CM

NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ After his deputy Manish Sisodia's claims of being "approached" by the BJP, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said this means the CBI-ED raids were attempts to topple his government, while asserting that "Operation Lotus" proved to be a failure in the national capital. Earlier in the day, Sisodia claimed that he was approached by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) with an offer that all cases against him will be closed if he joined the saffron party. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader is among the 15 people and entities named in an FIR lodged by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with alleged irregularities in the implementation of the Delhi excise policy. "I have received a message from the BJP -- leave the AAP and join the BJP. We will ensure that all cases lodged by the CBI and the ED against you are closed. "My reply to the BJP -- I am a descendant of Maharana Pratap and a Rajput. I am ready to get beheaded but

Arvind Kejriwal

Manish Sisodia

can never bow down before conspirators and corrupt people. All the cases against me are false. Do whatever you want to do," Sisodia said in a tweet in Hindi.

In response to Sisodia's tweet, Kejriwal said: "It means that the CBI and ED raids have nothing to do with the liquor policy and corruption? These raids were carried out only to topple the AAP government in Delhi? Like they have done in other states." Later, he tweeted: "Operation Lotus fails in Delhi." Kejriwal and Sisodia are currently in Gujarat to strengthen the AAP's base there in the run-up to the state Assembly polls scheduled later this year. The Delhi Chief Minister also said Deputy Chief Minister Sisodia, deserves the Bharat Ratna for improving education standard in schools, but instead he is being hounded by the Centre due to political motives.

The New York Times has lauded our education model, Kejriwal, on his fifth visit in a month to poll-bound Gujarat, said in Ahmedabad. Instead of appreciating Sisodia, he is being targeted, Kejriwal told reporters. Don't you feel ashamed to make the CBI conduct raids on a man who did wonders in five years, did what existing political parties could not do in 70 years and made government schools the best. Such a man should get the Bharat Ratna, the AAP convenor said. Kejriwal also expressed apprehension that Sisodia may be arrested soon. Manish Sisodia may be arrested; who knows I may also be arrested. All this is being done in view of the Gujarat Assembly elections, he said. (PTI)

Thousands of farmers gather in Delhi for 'mahapanchayat', cause huge traffic snarls

NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ Thousands of farmers from various states gathered at the Jantar Mantar here on Monday to take part in a "mahapanchayat" called by a farmers' body, causing massive traffic snarls in Delhi, especially at the city's borders, including Singhu and Ghazipur.

As the farmers associated with different unions reached Delhi, police put up layers of barricades at all the entry points of the city and checked every vehicle entering the national capital, which led to huge traffic jams. Apart from the borders, including Ghazipur, Singhu and Tikri, key stretches on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, the Palam flyover, Aurobindo Marg, Ring Road (near Indraprastha Park), the Ghaziabad-Wazirabad road and the Munirka road, among other roads, witnessed traffic snarls. Other than Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, farmers from states such as Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha and Kerala arrived in Delhi to take part in the "mahapanchayat" that was called demanding a legislation on the minimum support price (MSP) for crops, farm loan waiver and on other issues. Many of them came with their bags packed and with an intent to stay put.

Holding flags and wearing caps given by farmer leaders, they were seen sitting in and around Janpath. They raised slogans for farmer unity and against the Centre for "not fulfilling" its promises. Magha Nibori, a farmer from Punjab with one acre of farmland on which he cultivates seasonal crops, said he came here fully prepared to stay put, if required. "We are poor farmers. Nobody is helping us. Nothing is being done for us. We participated in last year's (anti-farm laws) protests as well. The government had assured us that it will listen to our demands but nothing is being done. We will not hesitate to camp here, if required, to get our demands addressed," Nibori told PTI. The heavy security measures led to massive traffic snarls across the city. Police also put up cemented barricades to avoid any untoward incident. The traffic police informed the commuters about the traffic situation and advised them to plan their journeys accordingly. "In view of a heightened security scenario and threat perception, some persons or protestors were stopped at the Ghazipur border. However, after due verifications, all of them were allowed to proceed to their respective destinations," Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Priyanka Kashyap said.

In a tweet, police asked motorists to avoid Tolstoy Marg, Sansad Marg, Janpath Road, Ashoka Road, Connaught Place Outer Circle, Baba Kharak Singh Marg and Pandit Pant Marg due to the farmers' congregation. SKM (non-political) leaders claimed that at some locations, farmers were being stopped from reaching Jantar Mantar. However, the Delhi Police denied the claim. (PTI)

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, Releasing 16 books at a function held at the Central Institute of Classical Tamil Studies, in Chennai

Punjab Cong leaders visit vigilance bureau, ask to be detained

CHANDIGARH, AUG 22 /--/ Punjab Congress on Monday "presented" its leadership before the vigilance bureau saying it could detain any of them as it was fed up of allegations of corruption against its leaders by the state AAP government.

The leaders, including Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, accused the AAP government of indulging in "vendetta and witch-hunt in Punjab" to divert attention from the heat it's facing from probe agencies in Delhi. "While in Delhi they were crying persecution and victimhood, in Punjab they are resorting to a worse type of vendetta against their political opponents," Warring said. The Punjab Congress handed over a memorandum at the VB office in Mohali, addressed to the State Vigilance Bureau Director, and left from outside the building as the contingent was not allowed in.

Apart from Warring, former ministers Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Rana Gurjeet Singh, and Bharat Bhushan Ashu were among those present at the VB office. Warring alleged that cases are being registered against them on flimsy grounds, and without due procedure. "We are not saying that we are here to defend if anyone has done any wrong, but this vilification must stop," said Warring.

The memorandum read: "We the Congress leaders from Punjab, who include sitting and former MLAs and former ministers have come here today to present ourselves before you as your department has launched a slanderous and malicious campaign against several of us without any reason and just to please your political bosses."

"Every day there are reports circulated by the department levelling baseless charges against former ministers accusing them of corruption to the tune of thousands of crores of rupees without the amount being accounted for. "The way figures are magnified, dramatised and sensationalised, it is clear that there is deliberate design behind it to create a false perception among the public against the party leaders. "The vigilance is being used by the government to cover up its failures in fulfilling the promises it had made as also to divert the attention from the corruption scandals that are tumbling down their cupboard in Delhi," read the memorandum.

"All of us have come here to present ourselves before the department so that you can detain anyone of us, or all of us, whomsoever you have any complaints against, rather about whom you have the directions from the powers that be, to fix," it read. The Congress leaders said an attempt is being made to target former Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu on baseless grounds.

Ashu is at the centre of allegations in a transport scam in which tenders were allocated allegedly on fake registration numbers of vehicles. An inquiry is underway in the matter. (PTI)

Rajasthan: Heavy rain leads to flood-like situation in Kota, Bundi; schools closed

KOTA/JAIPUR, AUG 22 /--/ Heavy rainfall in last 24 hours has led to flood-like situation in Rajasthan's Kota, Jhalawar and surrounding districts, officials said on Monday.

Low-lying areas have submerged under water owing to the downpour and water released from Kota barrage, they said, adding around 60 people were shifted to safer places while schools and coaching institutes in Kota and Bundi remained closed on Monday. About 3.83 lakh cusec water has been released following the opening of 14 of the 19 gates of Kota barrage. At the same time, 2.8 lakh cusec water was released from Kalisindh dam in Jhalawar and 25,200 cusec water from Bhim Sagar dam in Jhalawar, officials said.

In Kota's Pragati Nagar, a seven-feet-long crocodile was spotted in a residential area creating panic among the locals, however, the reptile was rescued. According to the Meteorological department, extremely heavy rainfall was recorded in isolated areas in Kota and Jhalawar district during the 24-hour period ending 8.30 am on Monday.

Dag in Jhalawar recorded the highest 234 mm rainfall followed by 224 mm in Kota city during this period, officials said. Inflow of water increased in Kota barrage on Chambal river due to rainfall in the catchment area of Rana Pratap Sagar dam (Chittorgarh) and Jawahar Sagar dam (Kota), an official of the Kota district administration said. Thirteen out of the 19 gates were opened last night to release the water and one more gate was opened on Monday, they said. So far, nearly 3.83 lakh cusec water has been released from the barrage.(PTI)

SC stays operation of HC order on lodging FIR against BJP leader Shahnawaz Hussain

NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the operation of the Delhi High Court order relating to the registration of an FIR against BJP leader Shahnawaz Hussain on a woman's complaint alleging rape.

The High Court on August 17 dismissed Hussain's plea challenging a trial court order directing the Delhi Police to register an FIR against him, saying there was no perversity in the 2018 order, and vacated its earlier interim order staying the operation.

The apex court issued notice and sought responses, including from the Delhi government, on Hussain's plea and posted it for hearing in the third week of September. A bench headed by Justice U U Lalit observed that after hearing submissions of senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who appeared for Hussain, it is of the prima facie view that this matter requires consideration.

The bench, also comprising Justices S R Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia, said that pending further consideration, the effect and operation of the order under challenge before it shall remain stayed.

In 2018, a Delhi-based woman approached a lower court seeking registration of an FIR against Hussain on her

Shahnawaz Hussain

allegation of rape. A magisterial court had on July 7, 2018, ordered the registration of an FIR against Hussain, saying a cognisable offence was made out in the complaint of the woman. This was challenged by the BJP leader before a sessions court which had dismissed his plea.

Hussain has denied the allegations. During the hearing on Monday, Rohatgi said "absolutely bogus allegations" have been made in the matter against the BJP leader.

The High Court has proceeded on the assumption that the only manner of investigation can be post registration of FIR, he said, adding this is an incorrect interpretation of the law. The counsel appearing for the woman said that after the High Court passed the order, she was assaulted and was admitted to the AIIMS trauma centre.

Seeking protection for the complainant, the counsel alleged that the police were in connivance with the accused as they are powerful. Rohatgi said the petitioner is a public figure and bogus allegations have been levelled against him.

The bench told the complainant's counsel that it will issue a notice in the matter and will pass an interim order of stay. (PTI)

Booster dose campaign rogressing smoothly

PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/ The ongoing Booster Dose Campaign organized by the District Administration, South Andaman and health department in coordination with the PRIs and various associations at multiple places across the District is gathering tremendous response.

Mr. SuneelAnchipaka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman and Mr. AnkitYadav, Additional District Magistrate and Mr. DilkhushMeena, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, along with Smt U Kavitha, Chairperson and Mr. Aziz-ur-Rehman, Senior Vice Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council and Councillors of the respective wards visited the ongoing campaign at various locations where the special vaccination drives are being carried out.

The District functionaries visited the vaccination camp at Bathubastischool where the special camp was conducted in coordination with the Traders Association, Bathubasti. The traders of Bathubasti also highlighted and discussed the parking issue with the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman. The DC (SA) assured that necessary action will be initiated to resolve the issue at the earliest.

At Brookshabad all sanitary workers were also being covered through a special drive. Directions were issued to Medical Officers, Health Staff, ANMs and other field functionaries to maximize the participation of eligible persons in the COVID vaccination drive and strengthen the drive. The team of officials and public representatives visited PhongyChaung Temple Community Hall, Atlanta Point, Community Hall, Brookshabad, Health & Wellness Centre, Corbyn's Cove, Community Hall, New Pahargaon and Government Sr. Sec. School, Bathubasti.

To strengthen the ongoing vaccination drive 3 (Three) State Transport Buses have also been pressed into service for mobile vaccination wherein 2 (Two) buses covered the areas under PHC Garacharma&1 (One)bus covered the area under Chouldari, Gram Panchayat.Vaccination Camps at more than 20 locations were scheduled on 21.08.2022.

Total 14434 persons were administered vaccination in the ongoing campaign in the last three days on 18.06.2022, 19.06.2022 and 20.08.2022. The District Administration conducted special vaccination camps at KhaithanKalyanMandapam, Junglighat, Community Hall, Dairy Farm, Mannarghat-Mobile Vaccination and Chouldhari-Mobile Vaccination.

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has appealed to the General Public to avail this opportunity to ensure 100% vaccination of the precautionary dosage to all eligible persons.

The Deputy Commissioner (SA), Mr. SuneelAnchipaka inaugurated the construction of MI Pond at the land of SmtZulekhaBibi at Ward No-6, GP Mithakhari under the AmritSarovar scheme of the GoI.The Director, RD, Mr. RadheyShyamMeena, SDM, Mr, DilkushMeena, officers of RD Dept, PRI members were also present on the occasion.

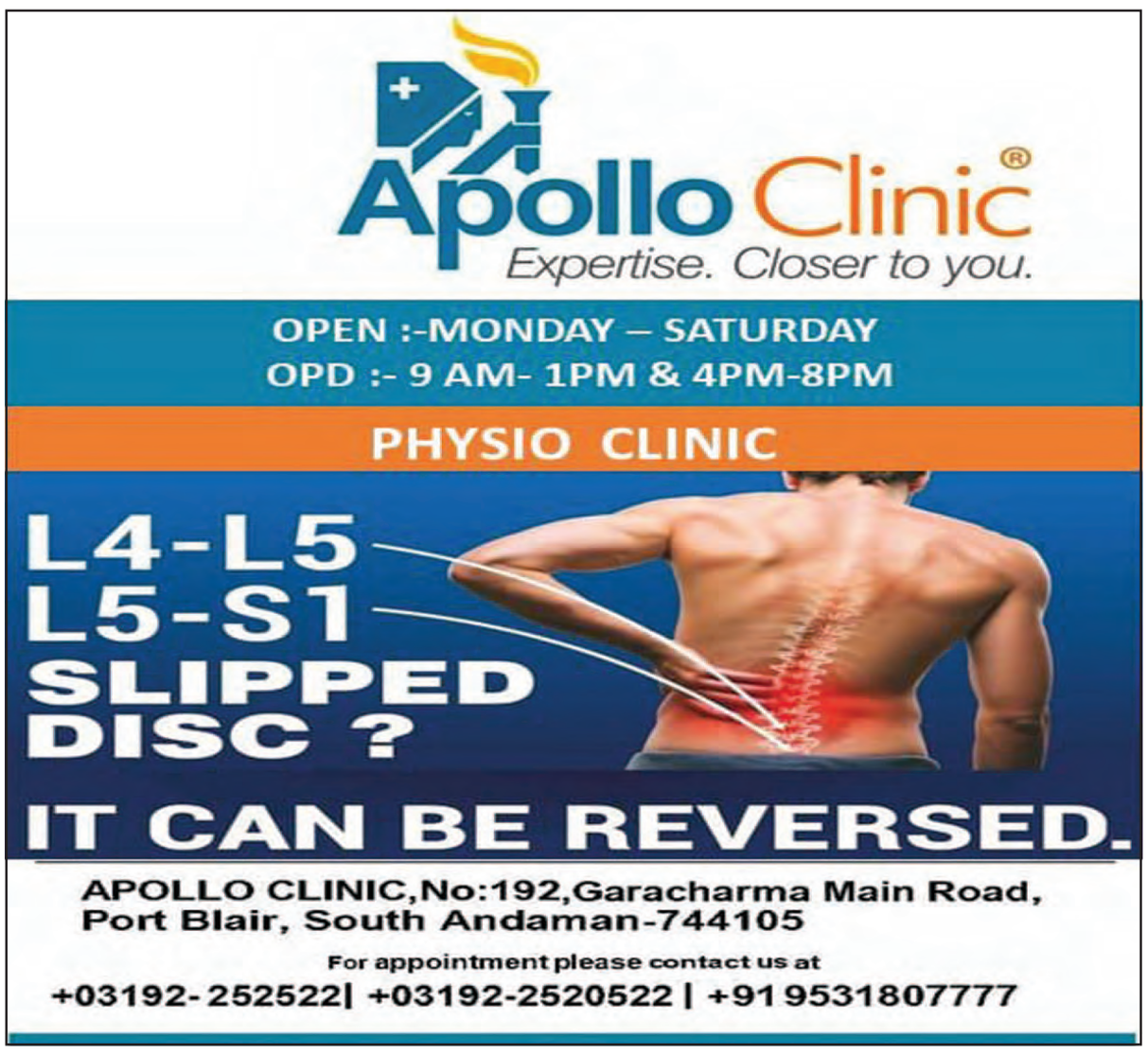
State BJP leaders condole demise

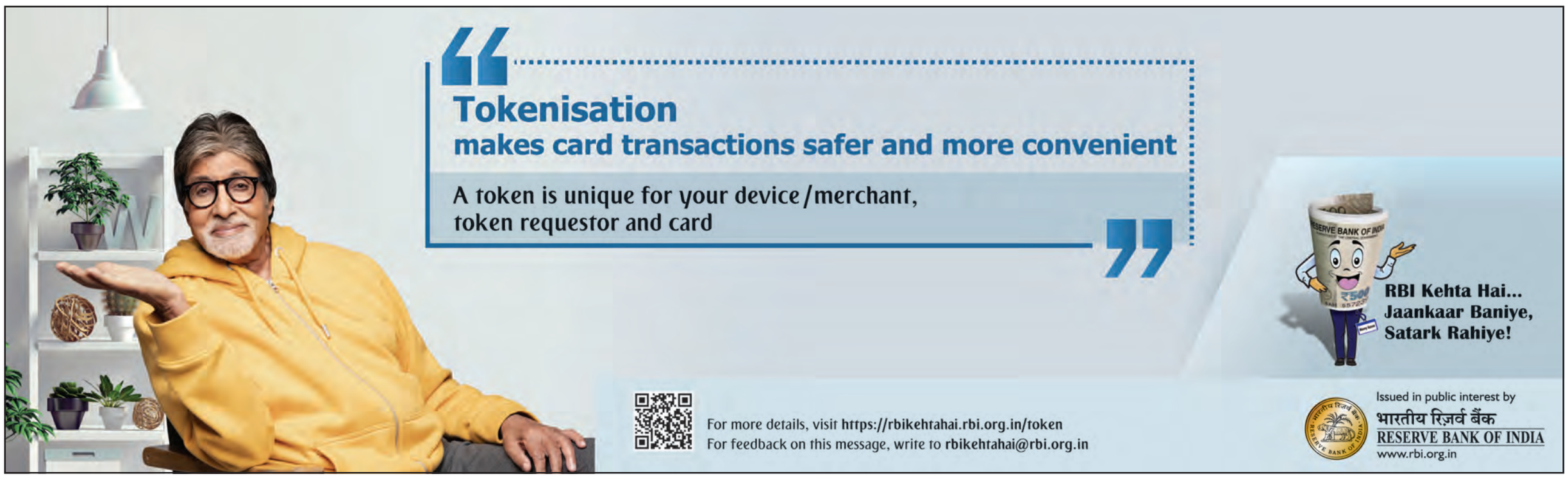
PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/Mr Ajoy Bairagi, State BJP President, Mr Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member,Shri M.Vinod,State Media Convenor along with all Office bearers of BJP,Andaman and Nicobar Islands has condoled the demise of Gulab Devi, R/o Garacharma,wife of Late Jag Narayan, ex-PradhanGaracharma at her residence today morning. The leaders prayed to the almighty god to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Rangalal Halder seeks necessary education facilities in N&M Andaman

PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/ The President of Andaman & Nicobar Congress Committee, Mr. RangalalHalder has raised the demand to provide

necessary fundamental requirements in the Education Sectors of North & Middle Andaman. In his letter to the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Mr. Halder said that to make provision for immediate recruitments of permanent teaching staff & required Principals in the respective schools of North & Middle Andaman. Further, he pointed out that for instant maintenance and renovations in the Education sectors to get the better quality of Education to the students of North & Middle Andaman.





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Maybe it's easier to like someone else's life, and live vicariously through it, than take some responsiblity to change our lives into lives we might like

Tish Grier

Rohingya housing row shows chinks in refugee policy

The inconsistencies in India's refugee policy came out in full public glare when two senior central ministers waded into a major controversy over allocation of government flats to Rohingya refugees in the national capital. First, Union housing and urban affairs minister HardeepPuri hailed the decision to shift Rohingya refugees to EWS flats in Outer Delhi and provide them with UNHCR IDs and round-the-clock police protection. But, within hours, a storm broke out on social media with critics of the government's move pointing out that the Centre had previously categorisedRohingyas as illegal migrants. That in turn forced the office of Union home minister Amit Shah to issue a clarification that it had given no such instructions to shift Rohingya "illegal migrants" to EWS flats and that it had already taken up the matter of their deportation with the concerned country, exposing India's ad hoc refugee policy. Around a million Rohingya live in Bangladesh, and an estimated 40,000 in India (Pakistan and Saudi Arabia house about 7,00,000 between them). The announcement on social media by Puri, of the Modi government's decision to house about 1,100 Rohingya migrants now living in makeshift slums, in flats with amenities instead, proved "too good to be true" as the Home Minister's office denied any such intention, instead terming them "illegal foreigners". It said the plan was to keep them sequestered in their present homes, which would be designated as detention centres while the Government continued efforts to deport them to Myanmar. The announcement itself was puzzling. Puri is a senior Minister and an experienced diplomat, and his statement was unequivocal. Not only did he say that the plan was to move the migrants from squalor to apartments built for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) on the outskirts of Delhi, but that they would also be provided facilities and protection by the Delhi police — proof of how India had always welcomed refugees. The details Puri shared, as well as documents from 2021, showed that the Government had indeed been considering moving the Rohingya, who live on land donated by an Islamic charity, after their previous homes were burnt down. There has been some suggestion that the ruling party faced backlash from its supporters, including a stern press statement from the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), and it would be unfortunate if that was the principle behind what appears to be a reversal of policy.

India has long hosted millions of refugees and has largely stuck to the principle of non-refoulement. But in the absence of a proper refugee policy based on clearly defined principles and metrics, treatment of different refugee groups differs. Therefore, there are considerable differences between the conditions of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees, Afghan Muslim refugees, Afghan and Pakistani Sikh and Hindu refugees, Tibetan refugees, Burmese refugees and Rohingyas. But such ad-hocism is bound to lead to confusion. The Rohingya housing issue seems to be an example of the clash between the Modi government's foreign policy commitments and its domestic politics. Given that India is neither a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention nor its 1967 Protocol, treatment of refugees is determined by political expediency which is unhelpful. Although Puri tweeted, India has "respected and followed" the 1951 UN convention of refugees — it is not a signatory — Modi's colleagues such as Home Minister Amit Shah have frequently disregarded the conventions: referring to migrants as "termites", stating in Parliament that India would "never accept" the Rohingya, and even violating the UN principle of non-refoulment by deporting a Rohingya woman to Myanmar this year.

It is high time that the Centre should formulate a proper refugee policy, determine clear criteria for hosting refugees, categorise refugees accordingly and provide services to them as per laid out framework. For, the current situation where refugees are officially not recognised as such but continue to live in this country anyway is both against humanitarian principles and poses a national security threat as these migrants can be pushed towards radicalisation and illegal activities.

BJP leaders have started course for overthrow of Nitish Kumar Regime

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Arun Srivastava

It was certainly not a coincidence that on the day Prime Minister was addressing the Independence Day rally, Amit Shah in association with the senior BJP leaders and members of the core group of party was working on the design to throw out the newly formed mahagathbandhan government of Nitish Kumar in Bihar. Within shortest possible time.

After Bihar Chief Minister broke out from the NDA and entered into alliance with the RJD led opposition parties, the BJP leadership has launched an all-round attack on him. Though the taunts and insults are political in nature, attempts are not spared to depict the CM in poor light. Old phrase of Nitish being opportunist are being raised, but it is a simply a façade. The BJP duo realise that the colour of the political structure is changing, and Nitish's action was simply a manifestation of this change.

The RSS leadership had come to assess the looming threat to their hegemony and political supremacy. Basically, this was the reason that the BJP leadership at the directive of the RSS appointed Sunil Bansal, a prominent RSS face, party's key election manager, as its national general secretary in charge of three opposition-ruled states — West Bengal, Odisha and Telangana — in run-up to the LokSabha polls in 2024. Bansal, who was the party's general secretary (organisation) in Uttar Pradesh, is credited with overcoming the Samajwadi Party challenge and ensuring its victory in UP. He had handled three elections in the state: 2017 and 2022 UP assembly polls and 2019 general elections. Bansal's appointment came a day after the BJP lost power in Bihar.

His primary task is to prepare the blueprint for the change of power in Bihar and strengthen the saffron party's position and prospects in these three states where it made substantial gains in the last general elections.

Three states are of vital importance for Modi and Shah, and more than them for the RSS. He has assisted Amit Shah in 2014 elections. His clout and strength could be judged from the fact that he replaced three general secretaries KailashVijayvargiya in West Bengal, TarunChugh in Telangana and D Purandareswari in Odisha. The BJP has been evolving the strategy to make up for the possible loss of LokSabha seats in two prominent eastern states Bihar and Bengal. Bihar (40) and Bengal (42) together have 82 LokSabha seats.

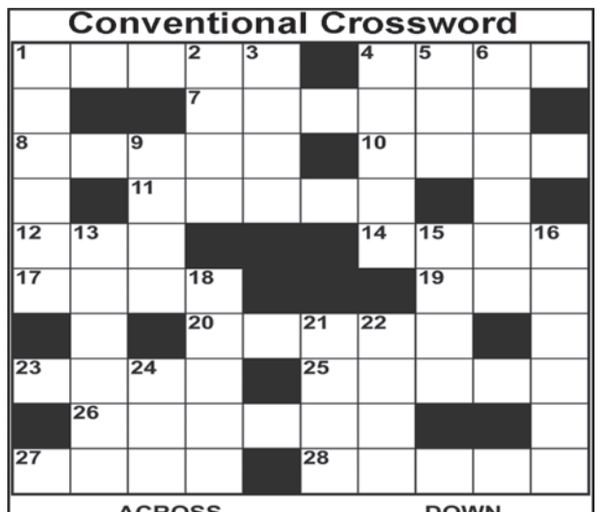
The BJP, along with then ally JDU and the LJP, had won 39 seats in Bihar and 18 in Bengal in 2019. Nevertheless, BJP leaders confess that it would be difficult to retain their seats in Bengal and Bihar. But hope that the latest move of Modi-Shah will do some magic. If the sources are to be believed, the BJP will try to engineer a major split in the JD(U) as well as RJD. Names of some Congress leaders also feature on the list. It is not that Nitish and Tejashvi are unaware of Shah's move. Already strict vigil is being kept on the gullible members.

Some Congress MLAs are up in arms against the induction of only two members in the government and they are contemplating shifting their allegiance to BJP. They have been asked by the BJP leaders to wait and watch. The other reason for Modi and Shah to launch an aggressive attack on Nitish government is the BJP leaders across the country have turned sceptical of the future of Modi and his government. In some states the fall of the NDA government in Bihar has propelled factionalism and badly demoralised the rank and file. Nitish's challenge has shaken them. BJP's strategy has been to keep Nitish confined to Bihar and not to allow him space to manoeuvre at the national level. In Bihar, the BJP faces a tough challenge with almost the entire range of political forces — backwards, extremely backwards and Dalits — joining hands with Nitish.

Even the senior BJP leaders confess that they haven't been able to make credible inroads among the OBCs, EBCs and Dalits in Bihar and frantically need a powerful leader with public appeal to deal with the caste combination in Bihar. (IPA)

A cultural troupe practices dance moves to be staged during the upcoming Durga Puja as part of its celebrations, in Kolkata—Arijit Ganguly

Conventional Crossword



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1 Deception
4 Strikes
7 Literary ridicule
8 Attack
10 Refuse
11 Proverb
12 Old cloth measure
14 Cast off
17 Prophet
19 Metal-bearing rock
20 Dodge
23 Devoted followers
25 Deputised group
26 Worked hard
27 Soft feathers
28 Not hollow

DOWN
1 Myths
2 Employed
3 Facts given
4 Conceals
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India @ 75: A need to re-look

FOCUS

Krishnendu Das

We discussed what India achieved in these 75 years, now, let us take a look at where we have failed or may have done better. We as Citizens of India have failed the Constitution as we have claimed our Fundamental Rights, holding them close to our bosom, as if they are absolute, but have often abandoned to discharge our Duties– Fundamental Duties as enshrined in Chapter IVA of the same Constitution that provide our Rights. Representatives should realize the importance of their electors and that can only happen when electors are bestowed with the political right to recall. Right to Equality was ensured through the abolition of untouchability and the introduction of reservations for the upliftment of backward classes, which were indeed well-intentioned but provisions of Equality in the present scenario are suffering a severe blow from the continued approach to the reservation policy.

India during the British reign faced a Drain of Indian Wealth, but, due to our approach through reservations, and quotas, we have placed ourselves in a new situational challenge known as The Great Indian Brain Drain, where the outstanding talents of this country are emigrating out for lack of opportunities.

We have failed to acknowledge such talents at the cost of reservations and quotas. Hence, we failed to leapfrog ourselves as one of the contenders for Global Super-Power. Agriculture is where most of the Indian Population is still dependent but the reluctance of generations to improve the yield along with commercializing the sector has led to the case of farmer suicide and a fragile rural economy that can collapse at any moment at the slightest disturbance. And, once the Rural Economic Structure breaks down and agriculture is brought to a grinding halt, the bubble of Food Security would easily vanish into thin air.

Politics in the last few decades named Freebie Politics, where in the name of Welfare Schemes and Policies, Freebies and sometimes cash is doled out, and loans are waived off with utter disregard to the dent it is causing in the Indian Economy. Such populist policies if continued for long would pull the whole nation into chaos, as witnessed in Sri Lanka, this year. Another development in Indian Politics is the rise of leader centric political movement, which had its initial inroads during the days of Indira Gandhi's reign but took its full shape in the last decade not only at the Centre but also in various states.

These political movements where Indian Masses abandoned the democratic approach and relied heavily on the charismatic personality of political leaders raise an eyebrow among many political pundits, as it undermines the Democratic Principles that this country fought for. It may also be referred to as the Dictatorship veiled under the garb of Democracy.

Though we as a Nation called ourselves Unity among Diversity, present India faces a pronged challenge where on one side the unity is lost among the crowds of Diversity, and on the other, the obligation of unity has failed to appreciate the rich culture of Diversity which imparts the Uniqueness of this Nation called India. We can point out thousands of such flaws in the Indian System, but, we forget to point out at least one flaw that we as a Citizen of this Great Nation have in ourselves and sought a remedy to that flaw. We often fail to understand that our humongous population, which some called a Demographic Dividend is no more providing any dividend rather it is failing us in most cases. It is not the system or political leaders who always have to be in the trial box but, it is sometimes we – the citizens who are the actual criminals.

It is on our part to control this monstrous population at individual levels, because as we control our population together, we would be able to realize the pledged SDG targets, building a beautiful common future for Humankind. So, these are the Hypocrisy of India's Great Democracy, which need amendments through thorough debates at all levels.

Thus, on a concluding note, we can sum these 75 years as years where we have made powerful strides to become self-reliant in terms of agriculture, economy, and technology at a National Level but we have also failed at individual levels to contribute generously to the Nation-making process. We have failed to impart social cohesion, and raise the standard of living and happiness of the citizen as we lacked the mechanism of Social Auditing, which is utmost necessary for a Diverse and Democratic Nation like India.

These 75 years have been tumultuous in terms of Nation-Making and now and then have evoked the question, who is important the State or the Individual? The uniqueness of the Nation-making of India may be referred to as the Porcupine Dilemma theorized by the German Philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer, where on one side we have tried to unite ourselves, but, as we did so we have started hurting ourselves. "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country" While quoting J.F. Kennedy, 35th President of the U.S.A., we as citizens should remind ourselves about what we can contribute to the nation-making process of this

Great Nation–INDIA. So, that we may emerge as a Global Super-Power in India @ 100. (The views are exclusively of the author/Concluded)

Booster dose camp at various places of South Andaman

PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/ On the completion of 75 years of Independence, the Government of India has started the campaign of giving free vaccine doses for 75 days and keeping in view the clarion call of the Prime Minister of India to ensure that everybody in our family and our area or village takes the precaution dose, Booster Dose Campaign is being organized by the District Administration, South Andaman in coordination with the PRIs and various associations at multiple places across the District.

The District functionaries are proactively visiting and monitoring the special vaccination camps at various places in the District and field functionaries are being directed to maximize the participation of eligible persons in the COVID vaccination drive and strengthen the drive.

The vaccination camps were organized at various places on Monday. The includes Mobile Vaccination Unit, Chouldhari, Bathubasti Senior Secondary School, Mobile Vaccination Unit, Mithakhari, Police Line, Port Blair, Police Station, Pahargaon, Sea Shell Coral Cove, Minnie Bay, Fisheries Training Centre, Marine Hill, Veer Savarkar International Airport, Ferrargunj Check Post, Phoenix Bay Jetty, Police Headquarter, Port Blair, KhaithanKalyanMandapam, Junglighat, Anganwadi Centre, PadaukBasti, Durga Puja Mandap, NayaBasti, Anganwadi Centre, Choudari Tank, DC Office, South Andaman and JNRM

Total 20231 persons were administered vaccination in the ongoing campaign in last Four days on 18.06.2022, 19.06.2022,20.08.2022, 21.08.2022.

The District Administration has scheduled special vaccination camp on 23th Aug 2022 at the following locations from 0900 Hrs to 1700 Hrs;

S. No	Camp Site	Timing	Name of Staff & Contact no.	Contact person	Phone No
1	Mobile vaccination, Chouldari	03.00PM to 06.00PM	Jeshu Marry, PHN, 9474222379	TapasiSaha, Pradhan	9531826091
2	Mobile vaccination under PHC Tushnabad	03.00 PM to 06.00PM	PHN Teresa, PHC T/bad, 9933292999	Mohammed SafiqPradhan	9933262985
3	Ward No 19 (Pathargudda Community Hall)	09:00AM to 05:00PM	Ms.Parbati Paul, SN, 9474204422 Ms.Vijaya, 9679545433 Ms.Sobha, 9531849124	V. Vetrivelu, Councillor	9531831131
4	Ward No 17, Dollygunj (SevaBharati Near ICMR)	09:00AM to 05:00PM	Ms.Zubaida, ANM, 9476070856 Ms.Leena, 9679511403, Mr.Deepak, 9474291085	Dharmendra Narayan, Councillor	9474203506
5	Ward No 10 (Shadipur Junction Public Stage)	09:00AM to 05:00PM	Ms.Asha Gain, ANM, 9476066999 Mr.Arvind, 9679583482	T. Mangayakarasi, Councillor	9564781001, 9564783999
6	Ward No 3 (Anarkali Community Hall)	09:00AM to 05:00PM	Ms.Amina, ANM, 9476055629 Ms.Rukshar Ahmed, 9679513238	Ramzan Ali, Councillor	9933220181
7	Airport	07.00AM	Ms.Iswariya, ANM, 9679520423 Mr.ShaileshLall, 9933255181		
8	Ferrargunj Check Post	08.00AM	MS. Sheeba John, ANM,. 7063985129	Dr.Kaviya,	9787060072
9	Phoenix Bay Jetty	05.00AM	Ms.Madhavi, ANM, 9531851532 Ms. S Salome, 9476029551		
10	RatriNiwas, Haddo (opp. Lalitha Singh Ground)	04.00PM to 07.00PM	Ms.Balamma James, CHO, 9531840491	Rashid	9933254906
11	Nagarpalika School	08.30AM to 12:30noon	Ms. ShantaHalder,ANM,9476057574 Ms. Mariam,9933237677	Dr.Sudharsan	9476091397
12	Dhannikari (Community Hall)	09:00AM To 005:00pm	PHN Aparna, 9474238941, 9933287436	Palani Kumar, Pradhan	9531877717
13	BindrabanSaitankhari Junction (Community Hall).	09:00AM to 05:00PM	Dr.Kaviya, 9474202710	V. K. Abdul Aziz	9933294241
14	Police Head quarter, Port Blair	09:00AM to 01:00PM	Ms.Shoba Roy, SN, 9474246893 Ms.PriyankaArthi, 9933235627	Nodal officer SI PMK Kumar	9476029020
15	Mobile vaccionation, PHC Garacharma	03.00PM to 09.00pm	Mr.TanmayGhosal 9474270886	Dr.Mhd. Safique	9679511644
16	Abeerdeen Bazar market vaccination by shop to shop visit	02:00PM to 08:00 PM	Ms.Shoba Roy, SN, 9474246893 Ms.PriyankaArthi, 9933235627, Ms.ShantaHalder, ANM,9476057574 Ms. Mariam,9933237677 Ms. S Kumari, ANM, 9434290255 Ms.Sheeba Jones, 9531955081 Ms.Sunithi, ANM, 9474227738 Ms.VibhaRao, 9531998896 Ms.Priyanka, SN, 9933267340, ShriSanjeetLall,SN, 9474293562, Ms.Parwati,SN, 9679592209, Ms. Joshi Kujur, 9476025878, Ms.AartiNarayan,SN, 9474244265	EswarRao	943476459
17	JNRM	08.30AM	Ms.HaseenaBibi, 9474286860 Ms.Saranya, 8900963691 Mr.Kuliu, 9476081891 Mr.Pramod, 9933231718 Ms.Anupama Rani, 9474254359		

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has appealed to the General Public to avail this opportunity to ensure 100% vaccination of the precautionary dosage to all eligible persons.

C-19 status in ANI

PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/ No Covid positive cases have been detected today in A&N Islands.Today, 10 flights with 1262passengers arrived, out of which, 1132 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 82 passengers and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 11 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, no positive case has been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 5 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case has been detected. RAT was conducted on 13 passengers at Mohanpura Bus Terminus, no positive case has been detected.

Putin lauds Russian National flag, self-determination

MOSCOW, AUG 22 /--/ President Vladimir Putin on Monday lauded Russia's flag as a symbol of a country that is determined to defend its interests and remain loyal to traditional values.

In a video address marking National Flag Day, Putin did not mention Russia's six-month-old military operation in Ukraine, but echoed some of the justifications cited for sending in troops. The desire to live according to one's will, to choose one's own path and follow it, has become part of the genetic code of our people, he said. We are firm in pursuing in the international arena only those policies that meet the fundamental interests of the motherland. Putin and other officials have said Russia sent troops into Ukraine as effectively a protective measure against the encroaching West. Putin also said that Russian schools beginning in September will open their school weeks with flag-raising ceremonies and singing of the national anthem. (AP)

ICAR-CIARI invites stakeholders for participation in training prog on Spices

PORT BLAIR, AUG 22/--/ Spices are the high value horticultural crops, which play a major role in the economy of the islands. A variety of spices are being cultivated in different parts of the islands. However, due to lack of awareness on scientific techniques of cultivation and postharvest management, most of the stakeholders have been unable to reap maximum benefits from the cultivation of spices. In order to provide the requisite technical knowhow, ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair is going to conduct a three days training programme on "Scientific Cultivation and postharvest handling of Spices under Island Conditions for Better Profits" from August 29 to 31, 2022.

The programme would include theory and practical sessions on propagation, cultivation and postharvest management of spice crops besides demonstration of spices and plantation crops based cropping systems. Interested participants may indicate their interest by providing information such as name, age, education, profession and contact details by contacting the Training Coordinator Dr. AjitArunWaman, Scientist, ICAR-CIARI through call or WhatsApp message on 9933263441 latest by August 25, 2022. The selection of participants would be done after scrutiny as the number of participants is restricted to 25. Selected participants will have to pay a registration fee of Rs. 100/- only for attending the programme.

Russia detains ISIS terrorist plotting suicide attack against Indian elite: Russian media

MOSCOW, AUG 22 /--/ An Islamic State terrorist from a Central Asian country, who was plotting a suicide attack against a member of India's leadership elite for the offensive comments on the Prophet, has been detained in Russia, the country's top intelligence agency said on Monday.

According to Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB), the foreign national was recruited by one of the Islamic State's ringleaders as a suicide bomber sometime between April and June 2022, while in Turkey, state-owned TASS news agency reported. "The Federal Security Service has identified and apprehended in Russia a member of the outlawed (by the Russian Federation) Islamic State international terrorist organisation. The detainee is a native of a Central Asian country, who planned to commit a terrorist attack against a member of India's ruling circles by blowing himself up, the FSB said.

The terrorist's "ideological indoctrination was conducted remotely via Telegram messenger accounts and during personal meetings in Istanbul with an IS representative, the Russian Federal Security Service's Center for Public Relations (CPR) said. The FSB noted that the would-be suicide bomber swore allegiance to the IS Emir (chief), after which he was instructed to leave for Russia, draw up the necessary documents and fly to India to commit this act of terrorism, the report said. The terrorist, who was not identified by the Russian intelligence agency, confessed that he was preparing an act of terrorism against a member of India's ruling circles for insulting the Prophet Muhammad.

In a video of his interrogation released by the CPR on Monday, the would-be suicide bomber said he swore allegiance to the IS Emir in April 2022 and underwent special training, after which he flew to Russia, from where he was to travel to India. "I was supposed to be given things there to commit a terrorist attack at the behest of the IS for insulting the Prophet Muhammad, he said. BJP's spokesperson Nupur Sharma was suspended and the party's Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal was expelled by the party after their controversial remarks against the Prophet which sparked protests in the Muslim world.

Dreaded terror group ISIS and all its affiliate organisations, responsible for a series of savage attacks and killings in Iraq and Syria, have been banned in India under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Recruitment of youths to the outfit from India and their radicalisation is a matter of serious concern for the country especially with regard to its likely impact on national security when such youth return to India, the Home Ministry has said while banning the terrorist group. The Islamic State/Islamic State of Iraq and Levant/ Islamic State of Iraq and Syria/Daesh and all its manifestations have been declared outlawed in India under UAPA, a notification issued by the Ministry said last year. (PTI)

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TENDER NOTICE

IREL, MK invites Request For Proposal for the following items / job descriptions:

Tender No.	Description
GEM/2022/B/2414441	High Tension Roll Separator with mandatory spares
GEM/2022/B/2426712	Manpower Outsourcing Services – Minium Wages -Skilled
GEM/2022/B/2452653	Supply, installation and Commissioning Scissor Lift

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Ref: ADVT.NO.22-23/09 TENDER NOTICE Date: 23-08-2022

IREL, OSCOM invites request for proposal for the following items / job descriptions.

Bid No.	Job / Item Description
GEM/2022/B/2395916	Engagement of Manpower for Production activities at REEP.
GEM/2022/B/2431032	Engagement of security guard & driver at Co-ordination Center,BBSR
GEM/2022/B/2444959	Supply of 1MT Jumbo Bags.
GEM/2022/B/2428002	High-Tension Roll Separator
GEM/2022/B/2417550	Supply of Caustic soda lye.
GEM/2022/B/2405019	Job Contract for semiskilled and unskilled persons for TS.
GEM/2022/B/2425882	Engagement of an agency for Envirometal Monitoring in OSCOM
GEM/2022/B/2433981	Inteligent traffic management system.
GEM/2022/B/2448216	Job contract for Housekeeping services at Plant and colony areas.
2022_IREL_125198_1	AMC for Mechanical Maintenace work at REEP.
2022_IREL_126244_1	Appointment of agency for forest clearance at IREL, IDCOL

Bidder may download tender document from http://irel.co.in, http://gem.gov.in or CPPP website. Any corrigendum / extension to above tenders shall be hosted in above websites only.

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No. TN-DB/SAD/2022-23/1733 dt. 12/08/2022

e-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, South Andaman Division, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate bid for below mentioned work from the approved authorized manufacturer/authorized dealer/distributor for following work:-

1. ***NIT No.10/EE/SAD/APWD/2022-23, Tender ID: 2022_APWD_6963_1, Name of work:*** Procurement of paint in connection of National Festival, VIP visit and ITF under jurisdiction of Sub-Division No. IV, SAD, APWD, Port Blair during 2021-22.(2nd Call) ***Estimated Cost:*** ₹.3,40,945/-, ***Earnest Money Deposit:*** ₹.6,819/-, ***Time of completion:*** 01 (One) Month. & ***Last time and date of submission of bid***: 05/09/2022 (1500 hrs).
2. ***NIT No.25/EE/SAD/APWD/2022-23, Tender ID: 2022_APWD_6965_1, Name of work:*** Procurement of paint in connection of National Festival, VIP visit and ITF under jurisdiction of Sub-Division No. I, SAD, APWD, Port Blair during 2022-23. ***Estimated Cost:*** ₹.9,37,773/-, ***Earnest Money Deposit:*** ₹.18,755/-, ***Time of completion:*** 06 (Six) Months. & ***Last time and date of submission of bid***: 05/09/2022 (1500 hrs).

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website *https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in/nicgep/app*

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Death toll rises to 225 in Pak's flood hit Balochistan province

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KARACHI, AUG 22 /--/ At least 225 people have died in Pakistan's Balochistan province as heavy monsoon rains and thunderstorms continue to lash the region, which remains cut off from the rest of the country, officials said on Monday.

The death toll was confirmed by Quetta Commissioner Sohailur Rehman Baloch who informed the media of receiving reports of at least 225 deaths across the province. Quetta received fresh heavy downpour on Sunday, resulting in urban flooding in Pashtoonabad, Hazara Town, Qadirand, Aminabad, Nawan Killi, Killi Qambrani, and Sariab areas, where floodwater entered several houses and claimed nine more lives. The commissioner said that heavy rains and floods have cut off all major highways connecting Balochistan to the rest of Pakistan. It is a dire situation and with more rains forecast we are taking all measures to carry out rescue and relief work, he said. According to Baloch, the Karkhasa Dam near Quetta was breached at one point due to hill torrents, inundating several areas near Western Bypass. The National Highway Authority (NHA) also issued an advisory for people to avoid travel on highways and roads connecting Balochistan to the rest of the country.

An NHA spokesperson said that Karachi-Quetta National Highway (N-25) was completely closed for traffic as Linda Bridge at Lasbela was washed away by flash floods. Balochistan's rail link with other areas could also not be restored even a week after major railway lines were washed away.

He said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has requested Army Chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa to provide helicopters to reach the people who were stranded due to washing away of roads and highways. In the light of fresh warnings of downpour and flash floods, the provincial government has announced closure of all education institutions until 27 August. Bringing an unprecedented death and destruction, the floods have displaced thousands of people in all the 26 affected districts of Balochistan damaging around 40,000 houses all over the province. (PTI)

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The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of *Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Neil Kendra, Shaheed Dweep* invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors of appropriate class of APWD, MES, ALHW & P&T for the below mentioned work.

1. NIT NO. EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR/21-22/1154 Name of Work: - Repair and Maintenance of CC Road from main road to Khitish Roy land via Khokan Basu house, Dilip Basu house at Bharatpur under Gram Panchayat Neil Kendra, Shaheed Dweep. Estimated Cost Rs: - 9, 89,496/- Earnest Money Deposit: - 19,790/- Time of Completion: - Six (06) Months, Tender Fee: - ₹.500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: - 22/08/2022 (1500 hrs)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in.

Tender ID: - 2022_RDPRI_6946_1

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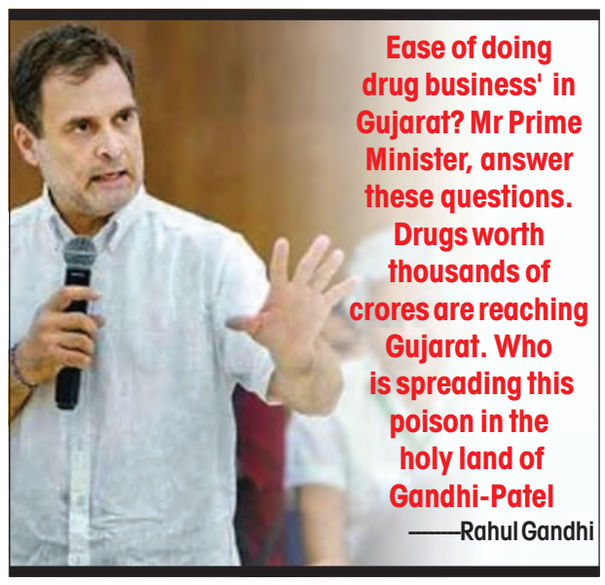
Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is being gifted a bust of Durga idol during her meeting with Durga Puja organising clubs at Netaji Indoor Stadium, on Monday —— Photo: EOI

'Bharat Jodo Yatra' like 'tapasya' for me; ready for 'long battle' to unite country: Rahul

NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday told a group of civil society representatives the party's upcoming 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is like a "tapasya" for him and that he is ready for the "long battle" to unite the country. The Congress had announced last week it will launch on September 7 the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' -- being billed by the party as the longest yatra mounted in this country over the last century. Interacting with civil society members at the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra Conclave' at the Constitution Club here, Gandhi said the Yatra is like "tapasya" for him, according to sources. "I know uniting India (Bharat Jodo) is going to be a long battle and I am ready for it," Rahul was quoted as saying. Stressing that the politics of the country has become "polarised", the former Congress president said the idea of undertaking the yatra is to tell that on one side there is the ideology of the Sangh and on the other side is the ideology of uniting everyone. "We are starting this journey with the belief that the people of India want the politics of uniting, not dividing," he was quoted as saying during the interaction.

The 'Bharat Jodo Yatra Conclave' here was attended by over 150 civil society organisations, movements, professionals and Unions with the likes of Aruna Roy, Syeda Hameed, Sharad Behar, P V Rajgopal, Bezwada Wilson, Devanoora Mahadeva, GN Devy and Yogendra Yadav, participating in it. The conclave engaged in substantive discussions and expressed broad solidarity with the Bharat Jodo Yatra, a statement issued by the civil society representatives said. The participant organisations welcomed the decision of launching the Yatra and expressed their willingness to engage with the initiative. It was also decided that an appeal will be issued in the coming days for larger engagement of various civil society groups, Jan Andolans and individuals, the statement said. In the morning, Congress leader Digvijaya Singh presented the details of the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' to the civil society delegates and invited those speaking up on people's issues to participate in it. Gandhi met the civil society members in the afternoon. Speaking with reporters after the meeting, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh, who was present in both sessions, said Rahul spent almost 90 minutes interacting with about 150 civil society organisations drawn from 21-22 states of the country. He said that during interaction, held in a question-answer format, Gandhi answered several posers from the civil society representatives. "He (Gandhi) answered questions from 35-40 people. He had no notes or pad in his hands, and definitely no tele-prompter," Ramesh said in an apparent swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi who he often claims reads from the tele-prompter. Ramesh said Rahul talked about how the Yatra is planned and what he expects from that. "Mr Gandhi identified three main pillars of the Bharat Jodo Yatra -- economic, social and the political," he said. Ramesh said there were very grave economic challenges confronting the country on account of inflation, unemployment and concentration of economic wealth and growing regional disparities. (PTI)



Cong targets PM over Gujarat drug haul, seeks state home minster's ouster

AHMEDABAD, AUG 22 /--/ The Congress on Monday alleged drugs worth Rs 2.5 lakh crore had been seized in Gujarat in the last five years and promised to get the illegal business probed by Central agencies if the party came to power. Addressing the media, Supriya Shrinate, chairperson of the Congress' social media operations, also demanded the resignation or sacking of Gujarat home minister Harsh Sanghavi for allegedly failing to curb the illegal trade and nabbing the real culprits involved. "Private ports like Mundra and Pipavav in Gujarat have become gateways to bring drugs into the country. I am told drugs worth Rs 2,50,000 crore were caught between 2017 and 2022 in Gujarat. This figure is larger than Gujarat's budget," Shrinate alleged at the press conference. Why have Central agencies like the ED, Central Bureau of Investigation or the Narcotics Control Bureau not conducted a thorough probe by questioning the owners of these two private ports, she asked. "Moreover, four factories manufacturing synthetic drugs were busted in the last three months. This is happening right under the nose of Harsh Sanghavi, who is doing nothing to stop it. We believe he should resign on moral grounds. And if he does not, he should be sacked," the Congress leader said. She questioned the silence of the probe agencies and sought to know if Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked private port owners why drugs were landing in their ports. "Did Modiji frame new guidelines for such ports to stop the import of drugs? If not, then why? This is a matter of national security and Congress will keep raising this issue. If the Congress comes to power in Gujarat, it will investigate the illegal drugs business in the state through ED, CBI and other agencies," she said. (PTI)

Mamata hikes donation for clubs organising Durga puja by Rs 10k

KOLKATA, AUG 22 /--/ Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday hiked the donation amount for each club organising Durga Puja to Rs 60,000 from last year's Rs 50,000, besides announcing a 60 per cent rebate on electricity bills. Mamata also said that state government employees would be entitled to a 11-day leave on the occasion of Durga puja the biggest festival in Bengal from September 30. The chief minister said her government would take out a rally on September 1 to thank UNESCO for according the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) tag to the festival. "The Centre is not releasing funds for the state. Despite that, we will increase donations for the clubs from last year's Rs 50,000 to Rs 60,000. We will also provide them a rebate of 60 per cent on the electricity bill," Mamata said. The chief minister stressed that the September 1 rally would have no political agenda, and anybody and everybody was free to join it. "I will invite 10,000 students from senior schools to be part of this rally," she said at an administrative meeting held at Netaji Indoor Stadium here. Mamata also said that the annual Durga Puja carnival at Red Road here would be held on October 8, three days after 'Dashami'. Similar carnivals would also be arranged in the districts, she added. (PTI)

BJP offered 'Delhi CM post', closure of all cases if I join them, claims Sisodia

Saffron party accuses him of deflecting attention from corruption charges

AHMEDABAD/NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia on Monday claimed that he was "offered the CM's post" by the BJP and closure of all cases if he quit AAP and joined the saffron party, which hit back, accusing him of trying to deflect attention from the corruption charges.

The startling claims of Sisodia came days after his house was raided by the CBI over allegations of corruption in the implementation of the Delhi excise policy, even as North-East Delhi BJP MP Manoj Tiwari asked the AAP leader to name the person who made these offers from the party. Sisodia, who along with chief minister Arvind Kejriwal is on a two-day visit to Gujarat to reach out to voters ahead of the assembly polls scheduled for later this year, also played the caste card. "I have received a message from the BJP -- Leave AAP and join BJP. We will ensure that all cases by CBI and ED against you are shut. "My reply to BJP -- I am a descendant of Maharana Pratap and a Rajput. I am ready to get beheaded but can never bow down before conspirators and corrupt people. All the cases against me are false. Do whatever you want to do," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

Later addressing a press conference in Ahmedabad, Sisodia said he was surprised when someone came to him with a message that he has two offers from the BJP. "The messenger said one was that all big cases registered against you by CBI-ED will be taken back. The other offer was that I break the party and they will make you chief minister," the AAP leader claimed. "I gave a clear political answer to them, saying Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal is my political guru and I have learnt politics from him. I have not come into politics to be CM or PM," Sisodia said. Launching a sharp counter-attack, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia, at a press conference at its party headquarters in New Delhi, said Kejriwal is frustrated, and "accused no. 1 Manish Sisodia says he has got a message from the BJP". "I can only say, those whose intentions are faulty, and thinking is small, who can break them (jinki niyat khoti hai aur soch chhoti hai, unko koi kya todega)," Bhatia said in a mocking tone. He also told reporters that these AAP leaders will "play victim cards and several other cards" now to deflect attention from the corruption charges. "Questions of corruption have been raised on Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy, but Delhi CM running away with goal posts," Bhatia added.

Tiwari tweeted in Hindi to raise questions about these claims: "Manish's phone was taken by CBI. That is what he said. On whose phone did he receive the message or call? Reveal that person's name and get his phone submitted to the CBI." He also took a dig using a Hindi idiom with a twist, saying Sisodia should reveal the name so that 'doodh ka doodh aur sharab ka sharab ho'. Other Aam Aadmi Party leaders, including Atishi and Saurabh Bhardwaj, also backed Sisodia but neither they nor the deputy chief minister disclosed the name of the person from the BJP who had approached him with such offers. Claiming that BJP had offered Sisodia the Delhi chief minister post if he could bring an adequate number of MLAs along with him, the AAP accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his BJP of trying to topple Kejriwal's government in the national capital, the way they did in Maharashtra but asserted that it was not a possibility since it was a hardcore honest party. AAP leader Atishi claimed that Sisodia had been approached by the "same person" from the BJP who had approached former TMC leaders Suvendu Adhikari and others in the Mamata Banerjee-led party to bring them into his party fold. The BJP has also offered to declare Sisodia as the party's chief ministerial candidate in the next Delhi assembly elections if he joins the party, the AAP chief spokesperson Bharadwaj claimed. When asked to name the BJP leader who approached Sisodia with such offers, the AAP spokesperson said that his party will share "all these details when the time comes". Meanwhile, Kejriwal attacked the Centre over a host of issues, including inflation and unemployment, and wondered how will the nation progress like this. "Who will people talk to about their issues when these people are playing 'CBI-ED' and are busy toppling governments," he said. Sisodia is among 15 people and entities named in an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation in connection with alleged irregularities in the implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy. (PTI)

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia addressing a press conference in Ahmedabad

TMC claims people being forced to link voter ID with Aadhaar; EC says it is voluntary

NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ Trinamool Congress (TMC) spokesperson Saket Gokhale on Monday claimed poll officials were forcing people to link their Aadhaar numbers with voter ID, but the Election Commission reiterated the seeding process was voluntary. Citing tweets by the Internet Freedom Foundation, Gokhale said there have been "many cases" of election officials calling up people forcing them to link voter ID with Aadhaar numbers. "We've written to the Election Commission today asking to issue a clarification & immediately cease & desist from doing this," he wrote on Twitter. The poll panel too responded on Twitter saying that submission of Aadhaar in Form 6B -- a new form issued to share Aadhaar details -- is "voluntary". "No entry in electoral roll shall be deleted on the ground of non-submission of Aadhaar," the EC said sharing a link of instructions issued to state chief electoral officers in this regard. In his representation to the EC on behalf of the TMC, Gokhale pointed out that the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which allows for the linking of electoral data with the Aadhaar number, was passed by Parliament in December 2021. "Subsequent to the passing of the Bill, Union law minister Kiren Rijiju informed Parliament that linking of voter I cards with Aadhaar was 'voluntary' and 'not mandatory'." He claimed that despite this, there have been several instances reported over the last month about booth level officials (BLOS) calling up people across the country and "warning them" that their voter IDs would be cancelled and their names deleted from the electoral roll if they don't link their Aadhaar numbers. (PTI)

Tight security arrangements at the Ghazipur border in the view of farmers' call to stage protest at the Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi

Meet on water sharing scheduled for Aug 25 ahead of B'desh PM's India visit: Source

NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ Ahead of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India, a minister-level meeting of the Bangladesh-India Joint Rivers Commission is scheduled on August 25, sources said. No official comment has been made by the Union government but sources said water-sharing treaties of the Teesta and other rivers may be discussed in the meeting. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to travel to India on September 5 on a three-day visit during which defence cooperation and regional stability are likely to be the focus of the talks with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, an official said on Monday. "We have almost finalised her schedule and she (Hasina) is expected to reach Delhi on September 5 on her three-day official visit - the first since 2019," a foreign ministry official, familiar with the process, told news agency PTI here. The official, who preferred anonymity, said that apart from pending and routine bilateral issues, defence cooperation and stability in South Asia were likely to feature largely during the talks between the two premiers, amid the economic crisis in Sri Lanka and Russia-Ukraine war. Dhaka itself knocked on the IMF for a loan to stabilise its forex reserves in view of the global economic crisis threatening its economy while officials earlier said Bangladesh wanted to initiate talks for having an India-Bangladesh Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). The bilateral defence cooperation came into focus last month when Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande visited Bangladesh amid speculation that Indian weapons could further equip the military forces of Bangladesh. The Teesta river dispute is an important point of bilateral talks between India and Bangladesh, as the latter has sought a fair and equitable distribution of Teesta waters from India. The two countries signed an agreement in 2011 to share surface waters at the Farakka Barrage near their mutual border. However, the proposed deal was called off after repeated objections by West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee. (PTI)

PNB launches Pre-Qualified Credit Card & Overdraft against Fixed Deposit on PNB One (eOD) in a few clicks

EOI CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, AUG 22/--/ Punjab National Bank (PNB), nation's leading public sector bank, introduces its Pre-Qualified credit card. With this, PNB reinstates its mission to offer quality financial services by leveraging technology with an Instant credit card facility that will enable seamless onboarding in a few clicks. This facility will be available for salary account customers and they shall be able to apply through the mobile banking app PNB One and Bank's website/Internet Banking Service (IBS). PNB will be offering this service under 2 platforms, RuPay& VISA.

The announcement was held at PNB Headquarters in Dwarka and was attended by the MD & CEO along with EDs, CVO and the rest of the PNB Parivar.

The Bank has also introduced the new facility of Overdraft against Fixed Deposit on PNB One in a few clicks and a single OTP. Customers can avail loan without visiting a bank branch. There is a

concession of 0.25% on the interest rate when applied through digital platforms like PNB One.

On the occasion, Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO of PNB said, "As we move towards building a digitally sound financial ecosystem, I am happy to announce yet another step towards offering instant and hassle-free services. PNB's new pre-qualified credit card service is a fully digital, consent-based and paperless credit card application process. Basis details entered, customers avail multiple attractive features of the card such as Exciting Reward Points, Comprehensive Insurance Coverage, Complimentary Domestic & International Lounge Access, Health Check, Complimentary Golf, Spa, Gym Sessions, Higher Credit Limits, and much more in a few clicks. I am also excited about the introduction of the Overdraft facility against Fixed Deposit on PNB One as it adds further to our digital offerings, and I am very hopeful with both the products as they target the needs of the general public appropriately."

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee greets Ramkrishna Mission monks during the pre-Durga puja meeting with puja organizers at Netaji Indoor Stadium on Monday --ArijitGanguly

Sailani Tours & Travels Ltd organizes Grand Travel Carnival

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/Sailani Tours N Travels Ltd. had Organised the Biggest Travel Carnival in Kolkata. They Provided complete travel related services under one roof. An event is organized on 21st August, 2022 to launch a signature itinerary of less. Sailani Tours N Travels

Managing Director DurgadasGhosh and Director Krishna Kumar Chanani were present in this event, sourceds informed.

Their services include:

Package Tours-which is Domestic and International, Customized Tours -which is also Domestic and International, Theme Based Tours- that only for Ladies , Senior Citizens, Religious, Sports Tour, Weddings etc.

They also organize Corporate Events, Incentive, Meetings, Product Launch, Air Ticketing - means Coupon Ticket, Group Ticket, Corporate Ticketing, Hotel Booking-which is Domestic & International, Car/Bus Transfers also provided.

VISA, Insurance, Forex, Forex Card, Eurail, Cruise arfe also on the cards.

Rravel destinations: Galapagos Island, Hawaii Island, Northern Lights, Brazil, Argentina &MacchuPicchu and Alps Mountain Range. Also to launch ladies only tour for Thailand, Singapore, Goa soon, sources informed.

RPF/ER provides security to passengers on 24x7 basis

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/ Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Eastern Railway plays a pro-active role to provide all out security to the rail users ranging from rescuing teenaged boys & girls, arresting touts, recovering narcotics and left behind bags. They have also made commendable works to extend guidance & assistance to the rail users besides their task of ensuring security to the passengers.

On 21.08.2022, under 'Operation NanheFariste', officials of RPF North Post/ Howrah rescued a teenage girl from North Concourse area of Howrah Railway Station in helpless condition. She came to Howrah Railway station with her mother and got separated from her mother. She was handed over to Child Line/Howrah under due documentation for further disposal.

On 21.08.2022, under 'Operation Sewa', acting on information of Station Manager/Chandpara, officials of RPF Post/ Bangaon rescued an injured male person lying between Chandpara - BibhutiBhushan Halt Railway Stations. He was knocked down by unknown 33681 UP Sealdah - Gobardanga Local while trespassing the Railway track and sustained injury. Necessary assistance was rendered and shifted him to S. D. Hospital Bangaon for treatment.

On 21.08.2022, under 'Mission JevanRaksha', on duty staff of RPF Post/ Barddhaman rescued and saved a life of a male person who was trying to de-board from a sleeper coach in running Train 12345 UP Saraighat Express at PF No.02 of Barddhaman Railway Station and going to fallen down between the gap of train and platform. On duty staff immediately reacted and caught him on time to avoid any untoward incident and saved his precious life putting his life in risk.

On 21.08.2022, under 'Operation Satark', acting on reliable sources, officials of RPF Post/Bally apprehended a male person who was noticed carrying two bags in a suspicious manner at PF No. 03 of Uttarpara Railway Station. While searching, RPF recovered 42 bottles of Foreign liquor valued ?25,740/- from his possession and was handed over to GRPS/Belur.

On 21.08.2022, under 'Operation Amanat', acting on information of RPF Out Post/Habra, on duty RPF at Barasat Railway Station under RPF Post/Barasat has retrieved a left behind bag containing 02 Nos. Mobile, Cash Rs.2600/- and other items Total valued ?55,000/- from 33656 DN Habra-Sealdah Local at Barasat Railway Station. The retrieved articles were handed over to its owner after proper verification & documentation.

On 21.08.2022, under 'Operation Amanat', acting on information of Security Control Room/Sealdah through Rail Madad, officials of RPF Post/Budge Budge retrieved a left behind bag containing one Canon DSLR camera with accessories total valued ?1,07,000/- from 34140 DN Sealdah-Budge Budge Local at Budge Budge Railway Station. The recovered items were handed over to its owner after proper verification & documentation.

Restoration of service of MEMU trains by SER

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/South Eastern Railway has decided to restore the following MEMU train services as per the schedule given below:

08065/08066 Kharagpur-Belda-Kharagpur MEMU Passenger Special (w.e.f 22.08.2022 from Kharagpur and w.e.f 23.08.2022 from Belda):

08065 Kharagpur-Belda MEMU Special will leave Kharagpur daily at 21.30 hrs and will reach Belda at 22.15 hrs. In the return direction, 08066 Belda-Kharagpur MEMU Special will depart Belda daily at 06.00 hrs and will reach Kharagpur at 06.55 hrs.

08017/08018Kharagpur-Balasore-Kharagpur MEMU Passenger Special (w.e.f 22.08.2022 both from Kharagpur and Balasore):

08017 Kharagpur-Balasore MEMU Special will leave Kharagpur daily (Except Sunday) at 10.05 hrs and will reach Balasore at 12.35 hrs. In the return direction, 08018 Balasore-Kharagpur MEMU Special will depart Balasore daily (Except Sunday) at 12.55 hrs and will reach Kharagpur at 15.45 hrs. (EOIC)

MPEDA gets new Chairman

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOCHI, AUG 22/--/DoddaVenkataSwamy has joined as new Chairman of MPEDA on August 17. Graduated in Economics and have PG in Political Science. He also has M P A in Public Administration from John F Kennedy School of Government, Haward University Cambridge Massachusetts, sources informed.

He served as District Collector in three districts of Odisha, vizGajapati, Angul and Keonjhar. He was State Mission Director for National Rural Livelihood Missions in Karnataka and Odisha. Served as Revenue Divisional Commissioner in Sambalpur district of Odisha.Held additional charge of Vice Chancellor, Education department, Higher and Technical Education, Rourkela. Previous to the current assignment, he was serving as Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone, sources said.

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp held

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/ Commemorating the 90th Birth Anniversary of veteran journalist and eminent author Geetesh Sharma, a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was organized by Geetesh Sharma Memorial Committee on Sunday at Momin High School near Raja Bazar, sources informed.

While inaugurating the camp Goutam De, the former Regional Director of I.C.C.R. highlighted the tireless social service of Geetesh Sharma and said that he always had a soft corner for the underprivileged section of the society and was always ready to extend his valuable material help to it from time to time, sources said.

Others who spoke on the occasion included social activist AmaleshDasgupta, Poet AmkitavaChakraborti, Technocrat Bimal Sharma, senior drama critic PremKapoor, Socio-political activist ArvindKori, Poet ShahidHussainShahid, Poet and writer Dr. KarunaPande, IRS official Anil Pande, Poetess Aarti Singh, State Secretary of C.P.I. (M) Md. Salim, sources also said.

About 100 voluntary blood donors donated their blood on the occasion. Many writers, poets, teachers, students, intellectuals were present on the occasion. Vivek Gupta, MLA from Joransako sent his best wishes for the event, sources added.

LG records 1m Dual Inverter Air Conditioners sale during first half of 2022

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/ LG Electronics, consumer durable brand has become the first brand to accomplish over 1 million Dual Inverter air conditioners during the time period January~June 2022. In 2016, LG Electronics decided to make a 100% transition towards the Inverter AC category. The key reason behind this decision was to focus on introducing futuristic technology and ensure electricity savings. According to estimates during that period, the share of inverter ACs in India was just 12%, while it was more than 50% in many developed countries. Hence after extensive research, LG Introduced AC's with Dual Inverter Technology which consumes much lesser electricity than a conventional AC and at the same time is a seamless blend of usability and functionality, sources informed.

Deepak Bansal, VP, Home Appliances & Air Conditioner, LG Electronics India said, "In Air conditioning segment, we are committed to offer most energy efficient & advance cooling solutions and based on this vision LG shifted its entire AC line to inverter Technology.For us, key success factor has been our close ear to ground in terms of understanding consumers unmet needs. Based on insights, we introduced advanced technology features like AI Convertible 6-in-1 Cooling, LG ThinQ smart connectivity for convenience seekers and UV Nano feature for consumers with strong quest for health. Our consumers over the years have appreciated the differentiated offerings and meaningful innovations by LG, and our achievement of over 1 million sales in Dual Inverter AC's is a clear testament to that. We further look forward to strengthening our market leadership position by offering more innovative products based on Indian consumer insights".

KulbhushanBhardwaj, Business Head, Room Air Conditioner, LG Electronics India added, "India has been a strategic market for LG, and we continue to strengthen our presence with robust product portfolio along with vast after sales service network.By achieving over 1 million sales in H1, we are confident it will further strengthen our foothold in the Indian market and help us diversify our product offering as per consumer needs aiming at more energy efficient products. Our 2 Indian manufacturing facilities enable us to adjust production as per consumer demand &ensures smooth supply.We will continue to strengthen our overall market leadership in Air Conditioning segment."

Dr. Blossom Kochhar speaks about the role of Aromatherapy

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/Dr. Blossom Kochhar, pioneer Aromatherapist and Chairperson Blossom Kochhar Group of Companies spoke about the role of Aromatherapy for wellness during her recent visit to Kolkata. DrKochhar was holding a seminar for around 250 hair and beauty professionals from Kolkata and surrounding areas.

While addressing the media on the occasion, DrKochhar talked about her range of aromatherapy products, Blossom Kochhar Aroma Magic and how they can be used for the benefits of holistic beauty. "The pandemic has highlighted the importance of our wellness. I have used aromatherapy for almost four decades now, not only for holistic beauty but also for well-being. We have recently introduced a set of curative oils to address everyday ailments like headache, cold, body ache etc," DrKochhar said.

I have come to Kolkata after a few years and I can see a total change in the perspective of people about

beauty which I think is great," she added.

Keeping in mind, the skin type and the weather of the region, DrKochhar recommended the use of following products:

Juniper Berry Oil- Free Moisturiser: Enriched with SPF 15, this lotion protects, moisturises and brightens your skin. It helps regulate the oil level in the skin. The non-greasy gel formula helps heal acne and lightens blemishes leaving the skin nourished, fresher and brighter.

Cocoa Butter Vanilla Body Cream:This body cream is full of ultra-nourishing properties and improves skin elasticity and suppleness. It helps to prevent stretch marks and fade blemishes. It helps to reduce wrinkles and calm skin inflammations.

Vitamin E Night Cream: A luxurious night cream, it repairs and replenishes the skin. It helps to fade blemishes, rebalances oil and water concentration on the skin. It also works best as a massage cream.

Vitamin C Facial Kit: This 6-step facial is our unique signature offering and special creation for the salon and spa industries. This promotes cell regeneration, brightens, rejuvenates, replenishes the skin, and boosts collagen synthesis.

Frankincense Essential Oil: This promotes the system of self-healing power of our body. It helps dry, sensitive and matured skin, and rejuvenates skin tone.

Promotion of movies in Metro Railway premises

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/Indian Railways has been stressing upon to increase the non-fare revenue to bolster its economic condition.

Metro Railway, as part of Indian Railways, leaves no stone unturned to increase its non-fare revenue which is in general totally dependent on passenger earnings.

As part of this initiative, Metro Railway has been focusing on the earnings through advertisements inside and outside Metro rakes, station branding, hoardings in open spaces and earnings from new sources like promotional activities for the Movie and the like.

As a part of this initiative, M/s Windows Productions has been permitted to conduct the promotion of their upcoming Bengali movie "LokkhiChhele" at MahanayakUttam Kumar, RabindraSadan, Sealdah, Dum Dum & Esplanade Metro stations. The promotion of this movie, directed by KousikGanguly, was carried out on 18th and 20th of August, 2022. As a part of this promotion folk dance, nukaadnatak& passenger interaction were organised. The movie "LokkhiChhele" is going to be released on 25.08.2022. Many film production houses have shown their interest to promote their upcoming movies in Metro premises. This innovative initiative will also increase Metro's non-fare revenue.

Metro shows humane face again

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/Today i.e. on 22.08.2022 a lady passenger aged about 42 years came to Netaji Metro Station to avail an UP Metro at about 15.50 hrs. But in a hurry, while stepping on the escalator, she suddenly slipped and injured herself.

Seeing this incident, on-duty station and RPF staff rushed to her rescue and immediately brought her to the Station Master's room where she was administered first-aid. But as there was no improvement in her condition, she was sent to M R Bangur Hospital at 16.05 hrs under the escort of a station staff for further treatment. In the meantime, her family members were contacted over the phone number she gave to the Station Master.

On receipt of this information, her family members came to the Hospital and took her under their custody. The family members of the passenger thanked profusely the Metro Railway Authority for extending timely co-operation.

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Gill's 130 trumps Raza's 115 as rattled India make it 3-0

Zimbabwe fought back from 169 for 7 to fall narrowly short in a chase of 290

Shubman Gill gets a hug from Sanju Samson after getting to his century

HARARE, AUG 22/--/ Sikandar Raza's valiant knock of 115 failed to take Zimbabwe home as India edged past them by 13 runs in the third and final ODI at the Harare Sports Club on Monday to clean sweep the series 3-0. The match went down to the wire, courtesy Raza's splendid knock but India held their nerves well to end up on the winning side. Earlier, Shubman Gill led from the front with his 130-run knock as India posted 289 for 8 in 50 overs. Shubman Gill showed great composure and he built his innings with great pace. Shubman Gill's innings was the main reason that India managed to post a respected total on the board. During his innings, Shubman Gill hit 15 fours and one six. Ishan Kishan was the second-best scorer for India with 50 runs to his credit.

For Zimbabwe, Brad Evans returned a five-wicket haul (5 for 54) while Victor Nyauchi and Luke Jongwe claimed a wicket each. Earlier, KL Rahul won the toss and opted to bat first. Deepak Chahar returned for the final game, while Avesh Khan also got included in the playing XI. Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna made way for the duo.Top knocks from Sanju Samson, Shubman Gill and Shikhar Dhawan coupled with strong bowling from Team India crushed Zimbabwe by five wickets in the second ODI of the three-match series on Saturday. "The way I was bowling in West Indies and England, especially with the new ball and the way I bowled in the first ODI here, I had a good rhythm. I had a plan to bowl and hit one area consistently," said Siraj in a post-match press conference. Siraj delivered a brilliant spell in the match, taking 1 wicket for 16 runs in eight overs which also included two maidens. Questioned about his good recent performances in white ball cricket, the bowler said that he kept a belief in himself. "Life is about up and downs. I had plans to hit one area consistently, give dot balls and create pressure on batters. When I use the new ball, I can go for wickets. White ball does not swing a lot. So I can go for wickets when it swings but when it does not, I focus on hitting one area consistently and delivering dot balls," he added.

Sikandar Raza almost derailed India with 115 off 95, Zimbabwe vs India, 3rd ODI, Harare

GAME NOTES

Paine trains with Tasmania, could make 1st-class comeback

HOBART, AUG 22 /--/ Australia's former test captain Tim Paine could return to first-class cricket after joining practice with Tasmania's state squad as an uncontracted player. Paine tearfully quit as Australia captain in November last year ahead of the home Ashes series against England after revelations of a scandal involving the sending of inappropriate texts to a female co-worker in 2017. He subsequently took an indefinite mental health break from the game. Cricket Tasmania on Monday said the 37-year-old Paine was back at practice and would make his return to competition with his club in the state's domestic competition. Tasmania's first four-day game in the Sheffield Shield begins October 6. Ricky Ponting, another former Australia captain from the island state of Tasmania, has previously said he'd like Paine to play for the Hobart Hurricanes franchise in the Twenty20 Big Bash League. Paine has already made one successful career comeback. After struggling with a finger injury that restricted his international career to four away test matches in 2010, Paine had been considering retirement in 2017 before being drafted back into Australia's squad as first-choice wicketkeeper. (AP)

FTX Crypto Cup: Praggnanandhaa beats Carlsen in final round but loses out on top prize

MIAMI, AUG 22 /--/ Young Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa produced a superb performance, winning three straight games including two in the blitz tie-breaks to outwit world No.1 Magnus Carlsen 4-2 in the final round of the FTX Crypto Cup here on Monday. However, despite the win over Carlsen, the 17-year old could only take second place in the final standings. The Norwegian won the top prize on the basis of a higher score. He finished with 16 match points to the Indian prodigy's tally of 15. "I've been playing badly all day, but now I'm getting the results I deserve... it's never good to lose, but this is as good a time as any!," Carlsen said after the match. Alireza Firouzja, another highly-rated teen and a prodigy, also finished on 15 points but had to settle for third place as he had lost the clash against Praggnanandhaa earlier. The first two games of the Carlsen-Praggnanandhaa match were drawn before the world No.1 went ahead by clinching the third.

New Zealand beats Windies in 3rd ODI, clinches series 2-1

BRIDGETOWN, AUG 22 /--/ Four batsmen posted half-centuries as New Zealand overhauled the West Indies' total of 301-8 to win the third one-day international Sunday by five wickets and clinch the series 2-1. Tom Latham scored 69 and put on 120 for the fourth wicket with Daryl Mitchell (63) in a stand which paced the run chase and carried New Zealand in sight of victory. Martin Guptill (57) and Devon Conway (56) had earlier combined to add 82 runs for the second wicket to give New Zealand a platform for a demanding chase. Mitchell was out with the total 248 in the 42nd over and Latham at 259 in the 44th, still with New Zealand requiring 43 runs. Jimmy Neesham settled the issue with a decisive inning of 34 from 11 deliveries, taking 18 runs from the 45th over bowled by Yannic Cariah. Neesham hit a six from the bowling of West Indies captain Nicholas Pooran to end the chase with 17 balls remaining. (AFP)

EAST BENGAL VS INDIAN NAVY DURAND CUP

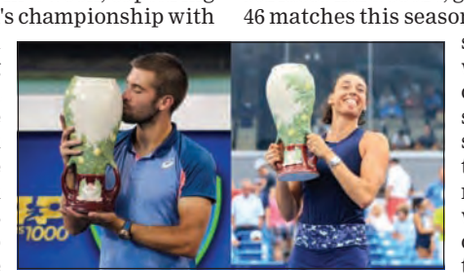
INFT holds EEB down to a goalless draw

Mobashir Rahman of Emami East Bengal and Abhishek N Joshy of Indian Navy FT attempting to win a header during their sides' Durand Cup clash at Kolkata

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/ A high intensity game for the spectator but a frustrating one if you are an Emami East Bengal supporter. The side boasts of some experienced professionals who are regulars at the top-flight. But even after 90+ minutes action, they couldn't breach the goal of the Indian Navy FT. The Indian Navy side can take great pride in its performance today. It was resolute in defense and composed in the midfield were it frequently outplayed the ISL side. The star of the show for the Navy side was Harikrishna AU, who was a constant menace to EEB. The midfielder linked up play with confidence and was unnerved in possession even under pressure from his opposite numbers. Emami East Bengak will next be up against Rajasthan United FC, who had earlier pulled off the upset of the tournament against ATK Mohun Bagan. The Navy side, will have a nine-day break, after which it will face ATKMB on August 31.

Caroline Garcia, Borna Coric get 1st titles in Cincinnati

MASON (US), AUG 22 /--/ Caroline Garcia generated momentum going into the U.S. Open in a week, capturing the Western & Southern Open women's championship with a 6-2 6-4 win over Petra Kvitova. And Borna Coric continued his headlong rush up the men's rankings, completing an improbable run to the championship with a 7-6 (0) 6-2 win over No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the first final at this tournament for both players on Sunday. Coric, 25, is expected to be ranked 29th going into the US Open. He opened the tournament at 152 before upsetting five seeded players and four in the top 10, including Rafael Nadal. The Croatian entered the tournament on a protected injury ranking. The 24-year-old Tsitsipas, from Greece, was trying to become the first man this season to win championships on all three surfaces hard court, grass and clay. He has won a tour-high 46 matches this season. Tsitsipas took a 4-1 lead in the first set, but he couldn't hold it and he wasn't sure why. "I'm not in any condition to answer that, because I'm still looking for the answer myself," he said. "I don't have a clear answer for that. He was serving well. He was making me move a lot. He plays the way he's always played. He hasn't changed much. The less he misses, the more he makes your life difficult."



"I realised I had to be more aggressive," Coric said. "I had nothing to lose. I knew if I continued to play the way I was playing, I was going to lose anyway. I had to hit the ball harder and deeper." (AP)

SC says CoA to cease to exist, postpones AIFF poll schedule by one week

NEW DELHI, AUG 22 /--/ The Supreme Court on Monday directed that the three- member Committee of Administrators appointed to oversee the affairs of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) should cease to exist. The committee of administrators was headed by former apex court judge AR Dave. The top court said that it is modifying its earlier order to facilitate holding of the Under-17 Women's World Cup by India and revocation of suspension of AIFF by the International Football Federation (FIFA). A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and AS Bopanna postponed the August 28 elections of the AIFF by one week to allow a changed electoral college and starting of nomination process. The bench said the voter list for the AIFF polls would consist of 36 representatives of State/UT member association of football federation as is being sought by FIFA. The top court passed the order on an application filed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports seeking modifications of an earlier order in view of the discussions with the FIFA. It said that Returning Officer Umesh Sinha and Assistant Returning Officer Tapas Bhattacharya appointed by CoA for AIFF polls will be deemed to be appointed by the top court. The bench further directed that day-to-day management of AIFF be taken over by acting secretary-general of the national football body. It said that the executive committee of AIFF will consist of 23 members, including six eminent players of which four will be men and two will be women. On August 17, the top court has asked the Centre to take a "pro-active" role in getting the world football governing body FIFA's suspension of the AIFF lifted and facilitating the holding of the Under-17 Women's World Cup in India. On August 16, in a major setback and embarrassment for the country, world football governing body FIFA had suspended India for "undue influence from third parties" and said the U-17 Women's World Cup "cannot currently be held in India as planned." The country is scheduled to host its first FIFA event from October 11-30. (PTI)

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The top court said that it is modifying its earlier orders to facilitate the revocation of the suspension which has been imposed on AIFF by FIFA and the holding of the Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India

BWF Worlds: Lakshya wins, Praneeth loses

TOKYO, AUG 22 /--/ Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya Sen continued his impressive run, trouncing Danish Hans-Kristian Solberg Vittinghus in straight games to progress to the men's singles second round at BWF World Championships here on Monday. India also registered twin wins in women's and mixed doubles competition on the opening day which saw B Sai Praneeth bow out after losing in three games to world number 4 Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei. The 20-year-old Sen, who had returned with a bronze on his debut in Spain last year, prevailed 21-12 21-11 over an erratic Vittinghus in his opening match. Praneeth, a 2019 bronze medallist, earlier put up a brave effort before going down 15-21 21-15 15-21 to Chen in little over an hour. It was yet another forgettable outing in Tokyo for Praneeth, following his struggles at last year's Olympic Games, where he participated without a proper coach or physio to bow out early. However, former Commonwealth Games bronze medallists Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy progressed to the women's doubles second round with a 21-7 21-9 win over Maldives' Aminath Nabeeha Abdul Razzaq and Fathimath Nabaaha Abdul Razzaq. Ashwini and Sikki will face an uphill task of taming top seeds Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan of China in the second round. In mixed doubles, Tanisha Crasto and Ishaan Bhatnagar defeated German duo of Patrick Scheiel and Franziska Volkmann 21-13 21-13 in 29 minutes to also make a positive start to their campaign. The Indian pair will meet 14th seeds Supak Jomkoh and Supissara Paewsampran of Thailand next. Lakshya, seeded ninth, played some exceptional cross court returns from deep forehand to trouble the 36-year-old Danish, who had come into the match with a 2-1 head-to-head count against the Indian. There was no lack of effort from the veteran Danish, but he couldn't stop Lakshya from running away with the opening game, with the Indian always staying a step ahead. A relentless Vittinghus kept testing the Indian by engaging him in fast-paced rallies, one of which was of 31 shots, but Lakshya used his winners to finish them off or the Danish miscued. In the mid-game interval of second game, Lakshya again managed a four-point advantage after Vittinghus sent one wide, and slapped his head in frustration. At 11-15, Vittinghus made Lakshya twist and turn with his angled returns to win a point, but he was too erratic to put any pressure on his opponent. Soon, five straight points took Lakshya to match points and he sealed it with a smash. Among others, B Sumeeth Reddy and Manu Attri lost 11-21 21-19 15-21 to Masayuki Onodera and Hiroki Okamura in men's doubles. In women's singles, Malvika Bansod also bowed out in the opening round after losing 14-21 12-21 to Denmark's Line Christophersen. (PTI)

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